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Reverend Carl Mischke
President
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
2929 North Mayfair Road
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222

Dear Reverend Mischke:

The Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Education (OCR/ED) is in the process of resolving a number of pending requests for religious exemption from Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Our records indicate that the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod filed such a request on behalf of Dr. Martin Luther College and its constituent schools (copy enclosed), but there is no record that OCR adequately acknowledged this request.

I have granted a religious exemption to Dr. Martin Luther College pursuant to the request of the College and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Enclosed is a copy of the letter addressed to the Reverend Lloyd O. Huebner, President, Dr. Martin Luther College, notifying the institution that the request for a religious exemption has been granted.

The Synod also requested exemption on behalf of its constituent schools, which include, "293 elementary schools, eleven secondary schools, four preparatory schools (secondary), one junior college, two pastor-teacher training colleges, and one seminary." However, I have not granted an exemption for these institutions since OCR cannot grant a religious exemption without information regarding the names and locations of these institutions, the practices that these institutions follow, as based on religious tenets, and the sections of the Title IX regulation which conflict with these practices.

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I hope the enclosed letter responds fully to the Synod's request on behalf of Dr. Martin Luther College. I regret the inordinate delay in responding to the original request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Chicago Regional Office for Civil Rights. The address is:

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Sincerely, -



Harry M. Singleton
Assistant Secretary
for Civil Rights

Enclosures

cc: Linda A. McGovern, Acting Regional Civil Rights Director, Region V